

## **AGENDA ITEM#**

March 15, 2002

To: Delta Protection Commission

From: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director

Subject: New CALFED Management Group Memorandum of Understanding  
(*For Commission Consideration and Possible Action*)

### **BACKGROUND**

The Delta Protection Commission reviewed at a public meeting and voted to sign the CALFED Interim Governance Memorandum of Understanding. This action allowed the Commission's representative (Executive Director) to sit on the Policy Group and to participate on Management Group.

The Management Group meets twice a month, and reviews and provides input to the CALFED staff regarding implementation of the CALFED program by the various agencies. The Group reviews work plans and budget matters, and makes recommendations to the Policy Group.

In the past, the Management Group has also been charged by the Policy Group with "approving", or providing comments on certain funding programs. The Management Group does NOT meet in public.

### **PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

- The attached Memorandum of Understanding formalizes the Management Group as a "work group" (see p. 2, A (4)).
- All CALFED agencies must sign the new MOU.
- The Management Group would not replace the Policy group, and could only act as delegated in writing by the Policy Group (see p. 3, D (2)).
- The Management Group would (see p. 3, D (3)): review proposal solicitation packages and directed actions for the ecosystem program and make recommendations; develop management procedures to assure the program is consistent with the Record of Decision; make recommendations to program managers on time-sensitive issues; report quarterly to the Policy Group.
- The Management Group will receive input from the Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC).

**CALFED COMMITTEE REVIEW:**

The CALFED Committee reviewed the new Memorandum of Understanding at its meeting in February. The CALFED Committee recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and continue to participate on the Management Group.